

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-20, 23-34 and 37-40 are pending. Claims 7, 12, 21, 22, 35 and 36 are canceled. Claims 1, 23, 24, 31 and 32 are amended herein, with claim 31 being amended to independent form. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, in view of these Remarks. Applicant submits that the Amendment places the claims in condition for allowance, or in better condition for appeal.

Prior to this amendment, claims 19-21, 25-30, 32-35, and 37-40 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicant respectfully traverses each grounds for these rejections and reserves all rights to prosecute the subject matter of all rejected claims, and all allowable subject matter in the application, in continuing applications and in any related applications.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 1 lacked appropriate line indentations. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 has been amended to cure this deficiency.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-18 are allowable.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 22-24 include allowable subject matter. Applicant submits that independent claim 19 has been amended, as suggested by the Examiner, to include the limitations of claim 22 and intervening claim 21, and claims 21-22 have been canceled. Dependent claims 23-24 have been amended to correct their dependencies in view of the cancellation of claims 21-22. Accordingly, claim 19 and dependent claims 20 and 23-30 are allowable.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that dependent claim 31 includes allowable subject matter. Applicant submits that claim 31 has been amended to independent form and includes all limitations of previous base claim 19 and previous intervening

claim 21. Accordingly, claim 31 is allowable in independent form. A fee for presentation of this independent claim is submitted herewith.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 36 includes allowable subject matter. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicant submits that base claim 32 has been amended to include all limitations of allowable dependent claim 36 and intervening claim 35, and previous dependent claims 35-36 have been canceled. Accordingly, claim 32 and dependent claims 33-34 and 37-40 are allowable.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-20, 23-34 and 37-40 are in condition for allowance, and requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance for the same. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fee or underpayment of any fee, or to credit any overpayment, to Moore Landrey Deposit Account # 50-4128. The undersigned is available at (512) 499-8900 to discuss any issue concerning this application at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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